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**IN 09/210,055**

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING IMAGE TRANSPARENCY		

**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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The Applicant's representative provides herein an Amendment and Response to the Advisory Action mailed on January 27, 2003. This Amendment and Response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Final Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from January 21, 2003 to February 21, 2003. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows, and consider the appended remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Pending Claims for the previously pending claim set. The substitute claim set is intended to reflect the cancellation of claims 21, 23, 25, 27, 29-31, 33, 35, and 36, as well as amendment of claims 22, 24, 26, 28, 32, 34, and 37. The specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

Please cancel claims 21, 23, 25, 27, 29-31, 33, 35, and 36 without prejudice or disclaimer:

Please amend the following claims:

22. (Amended) [The method of claim 21] A method comprising:  
identifying a vector normal to a viewing surface and incident at an object having an  
object surface, the vector creating an angle of incidence at the object surface; and  
modulating the transparency of an image of the object as a function of the angle of

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